

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application, new Claims 23 and 24 having been added above.

In complete response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed April 2, 2004, the period for responding thereto having been once extended to and including June 2, 2004, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the Group II "invention," i.e., that defined by the record Claims 21 and 22.

Applicants also elect the single disclosed species of Example 4 and the prevention or treatment of a dermatological condition involving a keratinization disorder having an inflammatory and/or immunoallergic component.

The Examiner will appreciate that the subject application is, in effect, a divisional of Applicants' earlier U.S. Patent No. 6,214,878, a copy of which is attached.

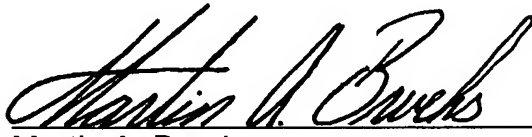
Favorable action on the merits is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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